

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-5 have been canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer. No claims have been amended. New claims 6-17 have been added to more clearly claim the present invention.

Claims 6-17 are therefore presently pending in the case.

II. Support for the Amendment to the Specification and Newly Added Claims

The specification has been amended to include reference to the co-pending U.S. Application. In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)(1)(iii), a marked up copy of the original paragraph is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

Claims 6-17 have been added to specifically claim additional aspects of the invention.

Claims 6-8, 10 and 11 find support throughout the specification as originally filed, with particular support being found at page 13, line 3-10.

Claims 9 and 12 find support throughout the specification as originally filed, with particular support being found at least at page 13 lines 10-16.

Claims 13-15 find support throughout the specification as originally filed, with particular support being found at least at page 15, lines 6-15.

Claim 16 finds support throughout the specification as originally filed, with particular support being found at least in Section 5.2.

Claim 17 finds support throughout the specification as originally filed, with particular support being found at least in Section 5.3.

It will, therefore, be understood that no new matter is included within the amended specification or the newly added claims and entry is therefore respectfully requested.

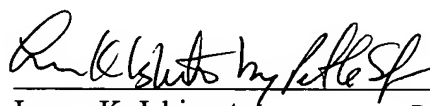
III. Conclusion

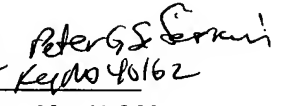
Applicants submit that the present case is in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, or believe that certain

amendments of the claims might serve to improve their clarity, a telephone call to the undersigned Applicants' representative is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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